Capacity (million tonnes)	As on 1st April	297.74	313.02	312.44
Profit/Loss (Rs. Crs.)	Actual	(+)693.87	(–)1414.47	(+)1400*

*This is a provisional figure. Firm figure will be available only after the accounts of CIL and its subsidiaries are audited and adopted in the Annual General Meeting.

Infrastructural status on coal sector

4384. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was ever considered to award infrastructural status on coal sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether any decision has been taken in this regard; and

(c) if not the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) In October, 1998, a proposal was mooted by the then Ministry of Coal for grant of infrastructure status to coal industry and extending similar concessions as were already extended to infrastructure industries in the ports, telecommunications, roads and power sectors. However the proposal did not find acceptance with the Government.

Survey regarding effect of coal mines dust on human health

4385. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) recently conducted a survey of certain areas surrounding the Chandrapur district of Maharashtra State to investigate effect of coal mines dust on human health;

(b) if so, the finding thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures have been taken in case it is harmful to health?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When compared with the health status in control locations *i.e.* places where no coal mines are located, it was found that the health status in urban and rural areas in the vicinity of coal mines in Chandrapur District is similar.

(c) Does not apply in view of reply to part (b) above.

Setting up of a coal mine at Jayamkondam, Tamil Nadu

4386. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a coal mine at Jayamkondam in Tamil Nadu considering its ample potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Jayamkondam lignite mining-cum-power project is proposed to be promoted by M/s Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation Limited, a Government of Tamil Nadu enterprise through a consortium of private sector companies. The project is likely to have a mining capacity of 3.5 million tonnes of lignite and power generation capacity of 500 MW per annum in the first phase.

(c) Does not arise.

Community development works by CIL and BCCL

4387. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether CIL and BCCL have undertaken any community development works in coal producing States like Bihar, Jharkhand and Orissa;